

# Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

## FY2007 – Overview



*Mission: to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain and maintain employment.*

- 485 different Alaskan employers hired DVR clients
- 526 individuals exited the program successfully employed for 90 days or more
- 37 individuals exited as self-employed
- 3,897 individuals participated in the VR program
- 2,688 individuals received information and referral services through orientation
- 2,319 Individualized Plans for Employment were implemented
- 20% of the applicants were youth (age 23 and under)
- 79% of the individuals were significantly disabled with multiple barriers to employment
- Average yearly wages increased from \$5,200 at application to \$27,000 for those completing VR employed; The average hourly wage increased from \$2.52 to \$12.98
- For every dollar spent, \$8.28 will be returned as client income
- \$1,600,000 was spent on training 682 individuals
- A total of \$4,800,000 was spent on direct services to clients
- DVR clients by primary disability type:
  - Physical and orthopedic 41%
  - Psychiatric 32%
  - Cognitive 19%
  - Deafness/Hearing Loss 6%
  - Blindness/Visual Impairment 3%
- DVR clients went to work in these jobs:
  - Service occupations 26%
  - Professional, paraprofessional, or technical 20%
  - Clerical 19%
  - Construction 18%
  - Sales 13%

*“DVR didn’t change my life; it gave me my life back”  
- DVR Client*